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Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary Surface Transportation Board 1925 K Street, N.W. Room 700 Washington, DC 20006

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Re: STB Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 7X), New York Central Lines, LLC – Abandonment Exemption in Suffolk County, MA

Dear Secretary Williams:

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The City of Chelsea, MA (the "City") requested a notice of interim trail use/rail banking for approximately 2.17 miles of railroad between milepost QBG-5.7 and milepost QBG-7.87 in Chelsea, Suffolk County, MA, in the above-entitled proceeding. The current extension of the negotiating period expires on April 23, 2006. CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT"), as successor by merger to New York Central Lines, LLC, has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with the City, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with the City. CSXT respectfully requests the Board to grant a 180-day extension of time to October 20, 2006 to negotiate trail use with the City. Additionally, CSXT respectfully requests an extension of the date to consummate the abandonment to December 19, 2006.

Enclosed please find the original and 10 copies of this letter, and a filing fee of \$350.00. Please time and date stamp a copy of this letter and return it with the enclosed self-addressed and stamped letter.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD Thank you for your assistance and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Steven C. Armbrust

cc: Parties of Record